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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

USP 5,834,971 to Giguere et al.

USP 6,060,961 to Moheb et al.

USP 6,175,719 B1 to Sarraf et al.

USP 6,212,360 B1 to Fleming et al.

The above-identified references are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are also enclosed herewith.

This submission, is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Small", written over a horizontal line.

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